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FOR: BACKGROUND NOISE/SPEECH CLASSIFICATION METHOD, VOICED/UNVOICED CLASSIFICATION METHOD AND BACKGROUND NOISE DECODING METHOD, AND SPEECH ENCODING METHOD AND APPARATUS

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